

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Dote for indicating allowability of Claims 7, 12, 15, 16, 19 and 20 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicants have included the limitations of allowable Claim 7 in Claims 1, 24 and 26. Thus, the claims should be allowable over the prior art of record.

The rejection of Claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is moot in view of the cancellation of Claim 21.

In response to the objection to the specification for failing to provide antecedent basis for the toner container containing the toner composition as claimed in Claim 25, Applicants already amended the specification at page 13 in the Amendment filed August 31, 2005. Thus, this objection should be withdrawn.

Applicants have responded on November 29, 2005 to the objections regarding the List of Related Cases filed on September 26, 2003.

Applicants note that MPEP §821.04 states, "if applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined." Applicants respectfully submit that should the elected group be found allowable, the non-elected claims 26 and 28 should be rejoined.

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This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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